

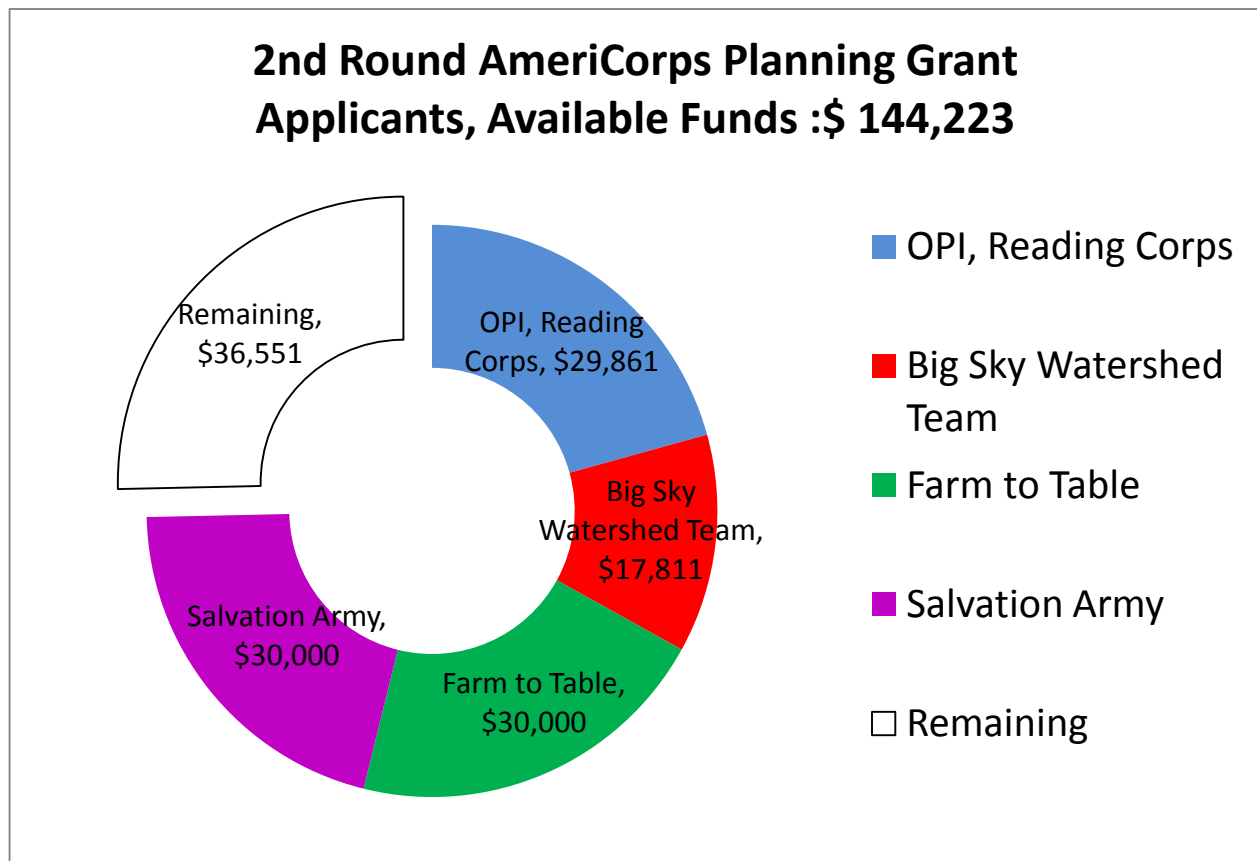
June 11, 2010

### Staff Recommendations:

By reviewing the applications and having informal conversations with each applicant the *Governor's Office of Community Service* believes *all of the current applicants deserve funding approval by the Montana Commission on Community Service.*

The Governor's Office of Community Service believes that this group of planning grant applicants represents the CNCS funding priorities as well as the Montana Commission on Community Service funding priorities.

The programs will address many issues in Montana including but not limited to; increasing student achievement, protect, conserve and restore Montana's natural resources, create quality locally grown food system, and bring change to the social service method of delivery.



## **State Formula- 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Planning Grants**

### **Eastern Montana Farm to Table Food Systems**

Applicant: Community GATE

Award Requested: \$30,000 Grantee Match: \$20,194 Total Project Budget: \$50,194

Contact: Peggy Iba, 406-377-4284, peggy.iba@gmail.com

The goal of the Farm to Table project is to create *"a local food system providing locally grown quality foods grown in eastern Montana."*

### **Big Sky Watershed Team**

Applicant: Montana Watershed Coordination Council

Award Requested: \$17,811 Grantee Match: \$9,273 Total Project Budget: \$27,084

Contact: Ann Schwend, 406-444-1806, aschwend@mt.gov

Big Sky Watershed Team (BSWT), members will work to increase the organizational capacity of community watershed groups and conservation districts so that they can better protect, conserve, and restore their local natural resources and the human communities who depend on them.

### **Montana Schools of Promise Reading Corps**

Applicant: Montana Office of Public Instruction

Award Requested: \$29,861 Grantee Match: \$11,806 Total Project Budget: \$41,667

Contact: Deborah Halliday, 406-444-3559, dhalliday@mt.gov

The Montana Office of Public Instruction is launching Montana Schools of Promise, an initiative to help improve the state's most struggling schools, all of which exist on our state's Indian Reservations.

### **The Middle Ground: The Place for Sustainable Community**

Applicant: The Salvation Army

Award Requested: \$30,000 Grantee Match: \$9,475 Total Project Budget: \$39,475

Contact: Major Kevin Jackson, 406-245-4653, kevin.jackson@usw.salvationarmy.org

The Salvation Army suggests establishing a new paradigm for social service delivery for those who are impacted by the recurring cycles of poverty. This new program, named The Middle Ground, proposes to bring substantive change to the overall social service methods currently employed by The Salvation Army.